1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 127

February 14, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives Lehman, Goetsch, Jensen, Ainsworth, Owens and Grothman. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT to renumber** 118.19 (1); **to amend** 118.195 (1), 119.32 (1) and 121.02 (1)
- 2 (a) 1.; and *to create* 118.19 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** the licensure of school district administrators and business managers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, every teacher, administrator and professional staff member employed by a school board, other than the board of the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), must hold the appropriate license issued by the state superintendent of public instruction. In MPS, prior to July 1, 1999, the board may appoint a superintendent of schools who is not licensed by the state superintendent.

This bill provides that if a school board employs both a school district administrator and a business manager, only one is required to be licensed by the state superintendent. In MPS, the bill provides that prior to July 1, 1999, the board may appoint a superintendent who is not licensed by the state superintendent even if a business manager employed by the board is not licensed by the state superintendent.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 4 **Section 1.** 118.19 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 118.19 (1) (a).
- **SECTION 2.** 118.19 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

118.19 (1) (b) Notwithstanding par. (a), if a school board employs both a school district administrator and a business manager, only one is required to hold a license issued by the state superintendent.

Section 3. 118.195 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.195 (1) No person otherwise qualified may be denied a certificate or license from the state superintendent under s. 118.19 (1) (a) because the person is totally or partially blind, deaf or physically handicapped nor may any school district refuse to employ a teacher on such grounds, if such handicapped teacher is able to carry out the duties of the position which the person seeks.

Section 4. 119.32 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

119.32 (1) The board shall elect by roll call vote at a regular meeting a superintendent of schools whenever that office becomes vacant. The superintendent of schools shall be a person of suitable learning and experience in the art of instruction and shall have practical familiarity with the most approved methods of organizing and conducting a system of schools. Notwithstanding ss. 115.28 (7), 118.19 (1) and 121.02 (1) (a), prior to July 1, 1999, the board may elect a superintendent of schools who is not licensed or certified by the department even if a business manager employed by the board is not licensed by the department.

Section 5. 121.02 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

121.02 (1) (a) 1. Ensure Except as provided under s. 118.19 (1) (b), ensure that every teacher, supervisor, administrator and professional staff member holds a certificate, license or permit to teach issued by the department before entering on duties for such position.